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COUNTY MOVES FORWARD WITH NORTH RIALTO MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS

SAN BERNARDINO – With support from local property owners, San Bernardino County will proceed with its beautification plans for the Riverside Avenue median along the unincorporated El Rancho Verde community.

In 2005 Supervisor Gonzales set aside \$350,000 for the initial landscaping. However, the project could not move forward until El Rancho Verde property owners within the unincorporated area decided whether to finance the ongoing maintenance services for the planned landscape.

Last month the homeowners voted 2 to 1 in favor of a County Service Area Improvement Zone to oversee the maintenance and improvement services. Today the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution of the formation. Each of the 509 El Rancho Verde property owners will pay an annual \$120 charge to service the median.

“The El Rancho Verde homeowners share my opinion that their property is worth the investment,” said San Bernardino County 5th District Supervisor Josie Gonzales. “I am working on projects, like this one, to develop our unincorporated areas so they have the many of the services, amenities and the appeal of the incorporated cities in our county.”

The El Rancho Verde Municipal Advisory Council held numerous meetings and outreach activities to advocate for and educate property owners about the beautification project. The Council will continue to provide input and work with the county.

“We appreciate Supervisor Gonzales for obtaining the funds and working with us on this project,” said Robb Bourland, chair of the El Rancho Verde Municipal Advisory Council. “Her efforts, coupled with our residents’ sense of community pride, have made this development possible. I am sure the El Rancho Verde homeowners will be pleased with our new frontage,” added Bourland.

“I am very proud that the residents are willing to invest in the community,” said Gonzales.

Landscaping along the Riverside Avenue median, from Kauri Avenue to Peach Street, will begin late 2006.

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